

# ***PUBLIC WORKS FUND SUMMARY***

The Public Works Fund records all costs related to Weld County road and bridge construction and maintenance. This fund is also utilized for allocation of monies to cities and towns for use in their road and street activities. The resources for 2014 total \$74,828,235, which includes a fund balance of \$28,000,000, in addition to the revenue shown in the budget. Property tax is set at \$11,500,000 up \$2,500,000. Specific ownership tax is estimated to be \$7,300,000, up \$1,300,000 from 2013, as vehicle sales recover. Total HUTF will be \$9,550,000 unchanged from 2013. Permit revenues are budgeted at \$500,000. Motor vehicle registration fees are \$330,000, and grazing fees are \$70,000. Oil and gas revenues are \$5,150,000.

Federal mineral lease revenues are \$1,000,000 due to the creation of the Weld County Federal Mineral Lease District. The federal mineral lease revenue will flow through the new district and then Public Works will apply to the district for the funding of projects. In 2014, the district is funding \$1,000,000 in oil and gas haul route projects. The \$1,000,000 is budgeted in other revenues from project reimbursements. PILT is budgeted at \$330,000 with the Federal Mineral Leasing District funding change.

Other revenues from project reimbursements total \$5,898,235, which are up \$1,318,563. Transportation impact fees are budgeted at \$2,800,000. Reimbursements for the intersections of CR 49/US34 project includes, \$1,500,000 from NFRMPO, CR 49/44 project includes \$828,000 from NFRMPO, Intersection of WCR 55 and SH 392 (\$102,000), and CR 74/SH 392 project includes \$56,000 from NFRMPO. There are also Energy Impact Assistance grants of \$3,000,000 for Phase I and II of WCR49 and \$200,000 for WCR49/22. A HES grant for \$22,500 is funded. Revenues include a CDBG for the Espanola Subdivision project (\$275,000). There is a state grant for \$240,000 for Bridge 68/59A. Severance tax is budgeted at \$2,000,000. In accordance with the policy adopted by the Board of County Commissioners in 2010, the severance tax revenue is budgeted at a five year leveling average due to the fluctuations of the revenue created by the price and production levels of oil and gas commodities.

The budgeted appropriations for Public Works in 2014 total \$55,581,423 up \$13,788,094. Municipal share back is funded at \$1,908,056. Budget reflects an 8 percent increase in health insurance costs. 2014 salary increases are funds for step increases due employees in 2014 and a 2.5 percent cost of living salary adjustment is included in this budget for a total of \$511,416.

The Other Public Works budget is up \$11,217,040 based on the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). Contract Payments decreased \$7,810,000 based on capital improvement projects for 2014. Strategic Roads increased \$17,165,000 based on capital improvement projects including Phases I and II of the Weld County Road 49 extension. The Haul Route Program decreased \$717,960 as a portion of the expenditures are funded from the Road and Bridge Construction budget (\$1,755,000).

The specific projects in the 2014 budget are: Intersection of WCR 49 and US 34 (\$700,000), Intersection of WCR 47 and SH 392 (\$400,000), Intersection of WCR 74 and SH 392 (\$50,000), Intersection of WCR 49 and WCR 22 (\$1,691,500), Intersection of WCR 49 and WCR 44 (\$2,170,000), Intersection of WCR 49 and WCR 22 ROW (\$325,000), Intersection of WCR55 and SH 392 (\$620,000), WCR 49 acquisition of southern ROW (\$650,000), Bridge 68/59A (\$300,000), WCR 49 Phase 1 (\$8,100,000), Espanola Subdivision CDBG Project (\$525,000), ROW expenses (\$150,000) and other contracts (\$850,000).

Pavement Management is funded at a decreased level of \$213,493 and the Trucking budget is down \$55,850 both due to seasonal employees being moved to Other Public Works. Mining

operations are down \$800,250 with a reduction in the purchase of class 6 materials. Seasonal staffing is up \$556,056 due to the transfers mention above and in order to staff for the 2014 workload. Motor grader operations are up \$254,345 to fund dust palliative materials. Bridge Construction is up \$1,876,524 to primarily fund contract recycled asphalt crushing, recycled asphalt supply, class 6 material purchase, and bulk cement purchase. Other operating budgets for road and bridge maintenance are funded at near the 2013 funding level. With some operational economies to offset some of the inflationary costs the current service level should be able to be maintained with the funding recommended.

As indicated in the budget cover letter due to the September, 2013 flooding the Contingency Fund may have to be used to fund some flood mitigation efforts in 2014, depending on what FEMA approves. This may result in a transfer of funds from the Contingency Fund and supplemental appropriations in the Public Works Fund. Some of the grant projects may have to be delayed in 2014 to accommodate the flood repairs and mitigation projects. FEMA will pay 75% of the eligible flood repairs and mitigation costs. The State of Colorado will pay 12.5%. The latest estimates of costs indicate the amount could exceed \$20 million in total costs with Weld County paying 12.5% or over \$2.5 million.

The 2014 Public Works Capital Improvements Plan is available on the county web site at [http://www.co.weld.co.us/departments/public\\_works/index.html](http://www.co.weld.co.us/departments/public_works/index.html).